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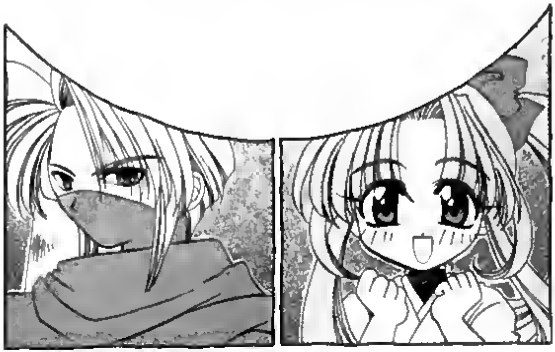

AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, A LONG LONG TIME IN THE PAST
THIS COUNTRY WAS NOT YET CIVILIZED
DEMONS MONSTERS WOLVES THINGS LIKE THESE STILL DWELLED IN THE LAND AT THIS TIME
SO,
THIS TALE IS ABOUT THE TIME WHEN PEOPLE WERE STILL AFRAID AND FILLED WITH DREAD

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

THIS IS THE SOUTH WARD OF CHIBA PREFECTURE IN THE COUNTRY OF AWA.
THIS SMALL CASTLE IS BEING ATTACKED BY A SWARM OF DEMONS
AND IT IS ABOUT TO FALL.

VERY SOON YUUKI CASTLE WILL FALL INTO OUR HANDS! QUICKLY THE LOCATION OF THE SLEEPING
MURASAME WILL BE DISCOVERED
EMPRESS TAMAZUSA!
VERY SOON?
QUI-CKLY ?
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TELL THIS TO FUNAMUSHI...
EH?
EMPRESS TAMAZUSA, MISTRESS OF ALL PHANTOMS
AT THAT CASTLE, ONE PERSON...
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EEP!

IS TAKING TOO LONG!
HEH HEH...
UNTIL NOW I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE PROPER RESPONSE
IS IT NOT FAR TO WHEN THIS WHOLE COUNTRY SHALL FALL TO ME, I WONDER?

DAAAAD!
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INUDUZUKA SHINO, AGE 16
SHINO, YOU SEEM BOISTEROUS TODAY.
HOW ABOUT CALMING THAT INTERNAL SPIRIT?
DAD!
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DO YOU THINK I CAN CALM DOWN DURING AN EMERGENCY ?!?!
AND WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING DRINKING TEA AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
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THIS IS EMBARR-ASSING DAD!
THIS CASTLE WILL SOON FALL.
I SEE
I MAY BE ONE AND THEY MAY BE MANY, BUT I WILL SHOW THEM THE PATH TO
BEFORE IT IS RAZED.
WHILE YOU HAVE BEEN THE ELDEST SON OF THE INADZUKA CLAN, YOU HAVE GROWN QUITE ATTRA-CTIVE
I ONLY WISH YOUR LATE MOTHER COULD SEE YOU NOW!
THE MAN YOU RAISED ME TO BE?!?
YOU ARE THE MAN I RAISED YOU TO BE. I AM FILLED WITH JOY.
SNIFFLE SNIFFLE

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I AM A WOMAN?
SHOW ME SOMETHING TYPICALLY FEMALE ABOUT YOU!
DAD, THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DECIDED TO RAISE ME AS A BOY FOR YOUR OWN TWISTED REASONS!
BUT, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, I ALWAYS WANTED A SON.
IT'S SUCH A HARDSHIP..
FOR THESE SIXTEEN YEARS MY STUPID FATHER HAS CAUSED ME TO QUESTION WHAT I REALLY AM!
FROM MY FORMATIVE YEARS I HAVE PRACTICED IN THE SWORD ARTS EVERY DAY.
BUT...
I REALLY, I TRULY

I WANTED TO WEAR BEAUTIFUL KIMONO
I WANTED TO DO TEA CEREMONIES, I WANTED TO ARRANGE FLOWERS, I WANTED TO DO ALL THE THINGS REGULAR GIRLS DID!
BUT NOW I'M A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT BEING GIRLY
I WISH I WAS DEAD.
DO YOU REALLY?
I WOULD RATHER NOT THINK OF YOU AS A DRAG QUEEN!
AS I SAID, I'M A WOMAN!
AT ANY RATE, THE WISH FOR DEATH SLIPS EASILY FROM YOUR LIPS
ORDINARILY, YOU WOULD BE THINKING OF YOUR OWN SURVIVAL
DAD?

DAD, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO HURT YOU NOW.
THAT MAY BE...
I ALSO WISH THE INUDZUKA CLAN TO HAVE A HEIR, AND UNTIL YOU GET A WIFE, YOU SHOULD NOT DIE!
WHAT?
SHINO, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DIE HERE IN THIS CASTLE.
YOUR FATHER HAS ONE LAST REQUEST TO MAKE OF YOU.
A REQUEST ?
IN THE CLAMOR OF BATTLE, IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ONE TO SLIP OUT UNNOTICED
FOR SUCH AN OCCURRENCE, IT HAS BEEN THE PARTICULAR DUTY OF THIS HOUSE

THAT'S
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YAA!
THIS IS WHAT THE OLDEST SON IS COMMANDED TO GUARD
THIS IS THE SACRED SWORD OF THE MINAMOTO, THE MURASAME
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THIS SWORD FOR DEFEATING EVIL WAS DELIVERED TO THIS CASTLE IT'S A RARE AND FAMOUS SWORD
TAKE IT AND PROVIDE THE DEMONS WITH OPPOSITION THIS IS MY LAST WISH
LAST WISH
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ONLY WITH THIS SWORD DO YOU HAVE ANY HOPE OF DEFEATING THE DEMONS.
SHINO... TAKE THE MURASAME AND FLEE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... DAD, YOU'RE ASKING ME TO RUN AWAY ALONE?
IT IS ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO SACRIFICE WHAT IS LEFT OF MY LIFE SO THAT YOU MAY YET LIVE.

SO, QUICKLY, GO...
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GIVE IT TO ME THE TREASURE SWORD MURASAME WHICH IS HIDING IN THIS CASTLE TELL ME WHERE IT IS!
SOME-THING IS LEFT ALIVE IN HERE
THE WHIP-TENTACLE DEMON, FUNA-MUSHI
DAD
YOU MUST KEEP THE MURASAME OUT OF THEIR HANDS QUICKLY!
HERE IS WHERE I WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO STOP THEM
SHINO

YOU'VE LASTED A WHILE.
WHERE IS THE MURASAME!
TELL ME AND YOU WILL NOT DIE!
SHINO!! QUICKLY TAKE THE MURASAME AND RUN AWAY!
AT ALL COSTS IT SHOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM THE DEMONS! DO YOUR BEST!
AHHH SO THAT IS THE MURASAME.
ERRR
KYA!

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YOU SHIT-KICKING BASTARD!! I'M GOING TO REMEMBER THIS!

STUPID OLD MAN!
WHAT WAS UP WITH THE "GIVE YOU THE REMAINDER OF MY LIFE" STUFF?

HIS FATHER IS HAPPY.
I HAVE RAISED MY SON TO BE STRONG
STUBBORN, HUH?

THERE'S A HELL OF A LOT OF THEM, AND I HAVE TO BREAK THROUGH THE LINE HERE
NOT GOOD
HA HA HA... THE DEMONS WILL TEND TO CHASE AFTER YOU GOOD LUCK!
DOES IT ALL END HERE? THIS SUCKS WORSE THAN A DRUNKEN TEA-HOUSE WHORE WITH GUM DISEASE.
DAD
YOU SHOULD GIVE UP NOW
HMM
SO
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I AM NOT DYING IN THIS PLACE!

WHA...
WHAT'S WITH THAT HUMAN?

FUCK, FUCK FUCK!

DAMN, THIS ONE HAS CAUSED ME SOME EMBARRASSMENT
I'M NOT OUT OF SWORDS YET!
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BUT NOW, BEHIND THE HUMAN IS A CLIFF... WITH A SWORD BROKEN AND NOTHING ELSE TO USE
ALREADY WE HAVE REACHED THE END OF THE ROAD.

THIS IS THE EVIL-DESTROYING SWORD...
MURASAME!
CONCEITED CHILDREN LIKE YOU CANNOT WIELD GIANT SWORDS LIKE THE MURASAME!
THERE IS NOTHING TO DO BUT BELIEVE!
ALTHOUGH I CANNOT FULFILL DAD'S WORDS EXACTLY
NOW...

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HAAA!
YESSSS! THIS IS THE RESULT!

OUCH
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NEWS FLASH, BUDDY THERE'S A GEYSER IN THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD
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WELL, YOU DIDN'T HURT ME THAT MUCH
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IT'S PRETTY DANGEROUS WE SHOULD WITHDRAW!
NO. I THINK
YEAH. BUT...ARE YOU OKAY, REALLY?
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WELL THEN, NOW THAT I'M HERE, EVERYTHING'S FINE
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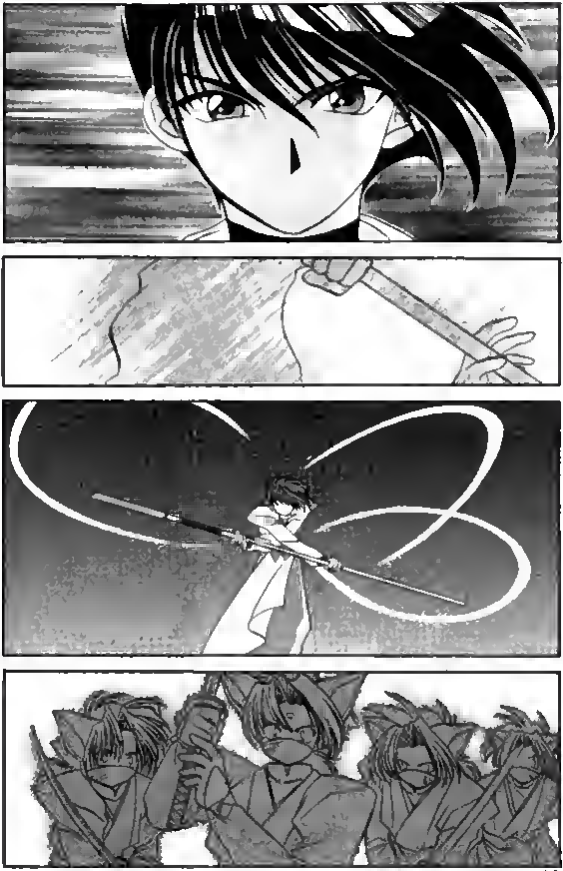
WHAT YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF IS THAT OUR OPPONENTS GAIN A LOT OF STRENGTH FROM BEING IN A SORT OF DRUNKEN FRENZY
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S ONE MORE OF US, I STILL THINK WE SHOULD PULL BACK
TROOPS! DISPOSE OF THEM!



WOW...
THAT IS NO ORDINARY MAN!
O ONE SOLDIER MANAGED TO DEFEAT ALL THOSE UNDERLINGS?
I'M INUKAWA SOSUKE
I AM THE MAN OF DESTINY WHO WILL SAVE THIS COUNTRY WITH YOU
UMM EXACTLY HOW DO YOU IGNORE THE BLOOD SPURTING OUT OF YOUR HEAD?

YES, WELL...
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
WHAT? YOU'RE ASKING ME?
LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT. WITHOUT HAVING A CLUE AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON, YOU JUST SHOWED UP AND STARTED WAILING AWAY?
YEAH. THAT'S HOW I ALWAYS DO IT
HEY. HEY, WHAT'S WRONG? NOT FEELING WELL?
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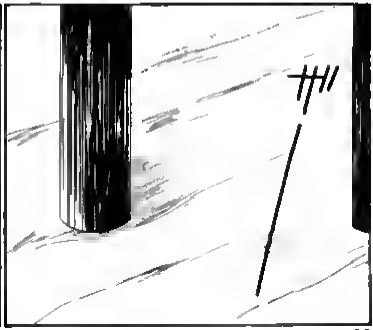
I HEAR WATER...
ANYWAY, NOW I'M PRETTY SURE WE HAVE TO GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
ALL RIGHT. I GOT IT!
THERE'S A RIVER AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS CLIFF..

IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT IS OUR DESTINY TO SAVE THIS COUNTRY!
WE CAN'T POSSIBLY LOSE OUR LIVES HERE!
OH, NONONO.
STOP THE SWEET POTATO CART HERE. YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
I'LL BET THAT THIS IS DESTINY'S DAY OFF, SO MAYBE WE COULD-
SO, LET'S LEAP WITH ALL OUR HEARTS!
AH-
AHHHHH!!
AHHHHH

YEEAGH FOLLOW THEM DOWNSTREAM! WE MUST HAVE THE MURASAME!

DAMN!

AHH!



BUT THANKS TO YOU, I'M ALL RIGHT THANK-
I I THOUGHT I WAS FISH FOOD FOR A MOMENT THERE.
YAAA! I CAN'T SWIM!!!!!
WHAT IS UP WITH THIS GUY?
HM? HM?
WHAT'S THIS?
HM?
HMM MM HM?
HM?

WELL IT'S JUST
WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO STOP TOUCHING ME?!?
WHAT WAS THAT SQUISHY FEELING? HMMM...
ALTHOUGH YOU'RE YOUNG, YOUR CHEST HAS ALREADY GOTTEN SO FAT
UNDER-STAND THIS!
OF COURSE... I UNDER-STAND!

THE SMALL CASTLE HAS BEEN OVERRUN BY THE DEMONS
THIS IS THE SOUTHERN WARD OF THE PROVINCE OF CHIBA IN THE COUNTRY OF AWA
FROM THE FLAMES OF THIS CASTLE'S FALL, ONE YOUNG WOMAN BEGINS A JOURNEY

DO YOU GET OFF FOLLOWING ME OR WHAT?
UM, WELL.. YOU KNOW...
AND THEN, AHEM.
DIDN'T YOU SAY WE WERE PARTNERS IN OUR GRAND DESTINY TO SAVE THE COUNTRY?
THAT'S NEWS TO ME, YOU CRACK SMOKER!
IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE YOU SAID IT SO, LET'S JOURNEY TOGETHER!
DO YOU EVER FUCKING LISTEN TO PEOPLE?
THEY ARE GOING BUT THERE IS NO ONE TO SEND THEM OFF
IT'S A VERY LONELY, VERY SAD PRELUDE TO A JOURNEY

IT IS A LONG AND TRADI-TIONAL BEGIN-NING.
THEY HAVE INHERITED THEIR PART IN THE LONG STORY OF THIS COUNTRY
THEY ARE THE BRAVE ONES WITH CHARACTERS ENGRAVED INTO THEIR BODIES

AND SO UNFOLDS THE GROWING LEGEND OF THE EIGHT BRAVE PEOPLE CALLED THE "DOG SOLDIERS"...

THIS LEGEND'S NAME IS...

SATOMI HAKKENDEN

YOU FAILED²
Y-YES
TELL THIS TO FUNAMUSHI...
NO MATTER HOW YOU DO IT, THE MURASAME MUST BE MINE!
IS IT GETTING INTERESTING NOW... I WONDER
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